GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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Fuel Economy Standards
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken steps to promote fuel economy standards for the new vehicles;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government has fixed a target for achieving fleet fuel efficiency of 18.2 km. per litre during the current year; and
(d) if so, the details and the present status thereof along with the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)
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(a) & (b): Ministry of Power has issued average fuel consumption standards for cars vide notification dated 23rd April, 2015. Accordingly, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has adopted this procedure under Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989 vide notification dated 4th October, 2016. The standards relate to the Corporate Average Fuel Consumption (CAFE) (in liter/ 100km) to the Corporate Average unladen weight of all the cars sold by a manufacturer in a fiscal year.

As regards Heavy Duty Vehicles (HDVs), the Steering Committee constituted for formulating fuel economy norms for Heavy Duty Vehicles (Trucks & Buses) has submitted its report. Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas has accepted the same and has sent proposed draft notifications to Ministry of Power and Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.

(c) & (d): As far as the proposed norms for HDVs, in the first phase (starting from 1st April 2018) the industry will have to achieve targets of average fuel consumption. This means 50% of the vehicle of one particular category will need to achieve what rest 50 % of the vehicles in that category are already achieving.

In the second phase (starting from 1st April 2021) 80% of the vehicles of one particular category will need to achieve what rest 20 % of the vehicles in that category are already achieving.

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